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# TWO MEN HURT IN TRAFFIC HERE

## Two Crashes In 15 Minutes Injure Pair

Two men were injured seriously in two early morning accidents in Torrance yesterday within a period of less than half an hour.

Traffic officers sped to Sepulveda and Madrona on a 2:30 a.m. call and found Ted Maliota Devoux, 26, of Los Angeles whose auto had slammed into a power pole, nearly severing the driver's leg. He was rushed to Harbor General Hospital where his condition was reported as "fair" several hours later.

## Candidates Accepting Forum Bids

Nearly all of the candidates for the city council have accepted invitations to appear at a political forum next Thursday night at the Torrance High School. It was reported here yesterday by spokesmen for the sponsoring Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Short talks will be presented by all candidates present and a question and answer period will follow, according to Rich Gerald, chairman of the event.

William Holmes, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored practical politics program, will be moderator for the question and answer session, Gerald said.

The meeting, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., is open to the public without charge.

## Youth Jailed On Narcotic Charges Here

A 21-year-old Torrance youth was jailed here Thursday after police said they found a quantity of what appeared to be marijuana in his auto.

Jailed was David Lee Hunt, an El Camino College student, who resides at 1924 Arlington Ave.

Police stopped the youth's auto at Carson St. and Iris where they found the apparent narcotic in a large envelope under the front seat. Hunt denied knowledge of the envelope, or how it got there.

## Credit Card Caper Nets Four Here

Police jailed two Los Angeles men and their accomplices Thursday night after observing the two men use a "found" credit card to purchase \$80 worth of whiskey at a store at 20317 Hawthorne Ave.

Hawkins Johnson, 21, and Melvin Williams, 23, entered the store, made the purchases and were leaving as police arrived — quite by accident.

Police saw one of the pair throw the credit card away outside. Arrested with Johnson and Williams were Herman Wyman, 32, and Valerie Follins, 24, who were apparently waiting for Johnson and Williams in the car.

Johnson later admitted he had found the card in Fontana. All were booked on suspicion of theft and forgery.

## Supervisors to Receive Hospital Plans Tuesday

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced yesterday that the long-delayed plans and specifications for construction of a new Harbor General Hospital are finally scheduled to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for adoption and advertising of bids Tuesday.

Three times in the past, Hahn has urged the architects and the County Engineer to expedite the plans for the project, which was approved by the voters in November, 1956 with passage of a \$15,400,000 bond issue.

HE POINTED out that in spite of the urgency of replacing the ramshackle, dilapidated buildings which now serve as the Harbor General Hospital with modern facilities, the project has been delayed

over three years and that it will take at least two years of construction time before the hospital can be put in operation.

Hahn explained that the Board of Supervisors appointed three architectural firms to design the plans the week after the voters approved the bond issue, but that the project had been delayed time and again.

Hahn personally met with one of the principal architects, in December, 1958, and urged him to speed up the completion of the plans.

As a result of this prodding, the final plans were submitted to County Engineer John A. Lambie last August, but they are just now being submitted to the board of supervisors for advertising.

"WHILE I AM pleased that the final plans are finally going to be advertised for bids, I certainly believe that this most urgent project should have been under construction a long time ago," Hahn declared.

Located at Normandie Ave. and Carson St., Harbor General Hospital serves the entire Southwest portion of Los Angeles County including the 4th supervisorial district, represented by Chace.

Hahn pointed out that the two weeks have already dropped two weeks behind a schedule established by Lambie last February.

Bonds to finance the construction of the Harbor General Hospital were sold on Feb. 23.



AWARDS MADE . . . Glenn Koger, board chairman (from left); and Jay A. Robinson, area chairman, present trophies to Mrs. Jeanne Gerald, who enrolled best volunteer organization in Los Angeles area; and Jim Becker, who led successful Torrance campaign. Harbor Area Community Chest awards were made Thursday night at Plush Horse where 300 guests and participants attended a dinner acclaiming the successful 1959 chest campaign. (Herald Photo)

## Chest Volunteers Cited For Local Contribution

Generous givers and volunteers shared the spotlight at the annual Harbor Area Community Chest awards meeting held Thursday eve-

## Chamber To Greet Two Firms

Two new industrial firms in Torrance will be given the official greeting of the Chamber of Commerce at its breakfast meeting at the Masonic Temple, 2326 Cabrillo Ave., Tuesday morning beginning at 7:20 a.m.

Officials of the R. C. Mahon Co. and Kentile, Inc., whose local plants will be completed in the near future, will be honored at the monthly meeting, according to Fred Brunner and Dr. John L. Bourne, co-chairmen of the event.

The meeting is scheduled to end promptly at 8:30 a.m. as an accommodation to businessmen and others who attend.

ning, March 24, at the Plush Horse restaurant. More than 300 persons attended the event to receive well deserved plaudits for their part in the successful Harbor Area 1959 Community Chest appeal that raised \$109,765.

Jim Becker, Torrance manager, Southern California Gas Co., served as chairman of the meeting. For his outstanding leadership as chairman of the Harbor Area campaign, he received a special plaque from Glenn Koger, board chairman, and for enrolling the best volunteer organization in the Los Angeles area, he earned an additional trophy that will remain in the Harbor area until the next campaign.

HARBOR AREA campaign trophies were presented to the following volunteers for highest percentage of quota: Frode B. Kilstofe Advance Gift Trophy to George Zugsmith, M.D., San Pedro; Jay A. Robinson Residential Trophy to Mrs. Jeanne Gerald, North Torrance; and Spinak Commerce and Industry Trophy to Dick Burt, Gardena.

Gold Oscar winners announced included Mrs. Peggy Booth, Wilmington; Mrs. Joseph Morillo, Gardena, and Mrs. Jeanne Gerald, North Torrance, all residential unit chairmen reaching 100%; Ed Russ, Gardena City Chest chairman, highest percentage of quota; and Ben Rittgers, business division chairman in San Pedro, first to reach 100%.

AREA CAMPAIGN leaders earning special awards were Bert Lynn, Torrance, commercial and industry chairman; Fred Mill, Torrance vice chairman; Rosemary DeCamp, Hollywood Riviera, residential chairman; Frode B. Kilstofe, Wilmington, advance gifts; and Mrs. Jane Rye, Lomita, speakers bureau.

Special city chairman leadership awards were given to Ed Russ; John Traub, Harbor City-Lomita; Robert C. Allen, Palos Verdes; Mrs. R. M. Place, Rolling Hills; Thomas Smith, San Pedro; Harold Frenz, Torrance and Boyden McElroy, Wilmington.

MORE THAN 100 section division and residential unit chairmen were honored for their "100%" campaign effort.

## Hull Details Operations of Multigrade

Although the number of classrooms of "Little Red Schoolhouse" programs in Torrance schools will be expanded from 17 to more than 50 next year, parents still can take the program or leave it alone, School Superintendent J. H. Hull said this week in response to criticism of the systems.



DON H. HYDE . . . Heads Industry Boosters

## Don Hyde To Head Boosters

Don H. Hyde, veteran civic leader and long-time Torrance resident, has been appointed chairman of the Industrial committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it has been announced by President J. H. Paget.

Hyde, superintendent of Industrial relations of United States Steel's Columbia-Geneva Division has lived in Torrance since 1933, moving here following graduation from Marietta College in Ohio. The new industrial head was born in Sharpville, Penn., and attended Gettysburg College.

"We are indeed fortunate to have a man of Don Hyde's ability as chairman of one of our most vital committees," Paget said. "It isn't often," he added, "that a man so trained for a

Last year, at five schools, more than 550 parents "took" the program by signing up their children, Hull noted. Next year, nearly every school will have multigrade classes.

"AFTER FIVE years of careful study of the program at Walteria and other schools, we feel that the program is good enough to offer to all parents who want it," Hull declared. "It is not the answer to all educational problems, but we consider it a step forward in many areas."

"It is a departure from traditional—an attempt to individualize instruction and get away from teaching to the 'average child'," Hull said. "We feel it helps each teacher to help each child do his best."

DESCRIBING the "Little Red Schoolhouse" as "simply a device used to improve instruction for all children," Hull made these points:

1. The program is entirely voluntary. Parents must sign up their children from multigrade classes. Only teachers who sign up teach the classes.
2. Multigrades are not a cure-all, nor do they use techniques which could not be used in an ordinary classroom. They simply dramatize educational problems so that the teacher can better help the student.
3. Extensive tests indicated that multigrades help both the quality of teaching and the quality of learning in many areas.

4. It began, frankly, as an experiment to improve instruction—to find better answers to traditional problems.

5. It recognizes that children, like cars, travel educationally at different rates of speed. It also recognizes that the same child may learn different subjects at different rates of speed, "The whiz" in reading



MOSTLY NOISE . . . Two of the autos in a four-car crash at the intersection of Cota Ave. and Sierra late Wednesday are pictured here above. Traffic officers who reacted to the scene determined that, although spectacular, most of the damage was done to the autos. One driver complained of a sore knee. A third auto suffered front-end damage, and the fourth took a glancing blow from one of the cars. (Herald Photo)

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think junior high schools make the transition from elementary to high school easier for students?"

Answering were:

Mrs. Maria Zabala, 1632 W. 205th Street housewife:

"I got my education in Mexico so I don't know too much about it, but they do because it lets the kids grow up a little more gradually and sorta gives them a chance to get used to the routine of high school."

Mrs. Alma Mora, 20423 S. Vermont, housewife:

"I had my schooling in Honolulu and I went through junior high there and I think it helped me. It has also helped my daughter who is a senior now but went to Stephen White Jr. High. It prepared her for what to expect in high school, that is such things as changing rooms for classes, different teachers, etc."

George Kennedy, 1319 West 258th St., Lomita, retired engineer:

"I think they definitely help. I have six grandchildren and two or three of them are at junior high level and they tell me that it gives them a review of what they learned in Grammar school. Educational facilities are so much greater and I think junior high schools are very essential to the overall education of today's children."

Dick Collins, 2619 W. 176th St., postal employee:

"I think they are an added expense to the taxpayer in that they would require extra buildings and property. I don't mind paying taxes for schools and I don't think they should skimp on money spent for educational facilities. I think it's mostly a problem of added space."

Mrs. Joan Freeman, 2221 Maricopa, housewife:

"Yes, I think they do make it easier and I think it is really important to a student because in junior high they learn what they can expect in high school and also they get adjusted to the idea of changing classes, etc. Where I went to high school in Oklahoma they had junior high schools and I know helped me."